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TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TASK FORCE

Adriane Abe

Program Specialist
First Circuit Family Court, Hawai'i State Judiciary

Adriane Abe is currently a Program Specialist with the Judiciary. She has 30 years of experience working in the juvenile justice system at the First Circuit Family Court, and is a member of the State Juvenile Justice Innovation Group. Adriane was part of the founding group of probation officers and judges who established the Hawai'i Girls Court, which is grounded in trauma-informed and gender-responsive care.



Cathy Betts

Director
Department of Human Services, State of Hawai'i

Cathy Betts is the Director of the Hawai'i Department of Human Services where she continues to further the department's vision through her experience, advocacy and commitment to helping the people of Hawai'i thrive. She served as the deputy director from 2017 through August 2020.

Prior to serving as deputy, she successfully led the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women for nearly six years and oversaw several legislative and policy successes, including: the final passage of the Compassionate Care Act, which ensures rape victims have access to emergency contraception emergency rooms in Hawai'i; various state Title IX reforms to ensure Hawai'i continues to protect and preserve the late Congresswoman Patsy Mink's legacy; protections for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; reforms for temporary restraining order process; and increased training on gender-based violence. Betts has also practiced in government and private legal practice since 2006.

Betts earned her B.A. in sociology from the University of California at Los Angeles and her juris doctorate from the University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson School of Law, where she served as the Patsy T. Mink Legislative Fellow in the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye's Washington D.C. office.

She is currently on the board of directors for the Hawai'i Filipino Lawyers Association, and previously chaired the HSBA Diversity, Equality and the Law Committee (DEAL). She also sits on the Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts. She formerly served on the Board of Directors for Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Hawai'i Women in Filmmaking, and the National Association of Commissions for Women.

Betts was recognized as one of four YWCA Women's Leader Awardees in 2020. In February 2021, the Hawai'i Women's Legal Foundation presented Betts with the Rhoda Lewis Award in recognition of her extraordinary contributions and commitment to public service. Betts was also awarded the Soroptimist International Ruby Award for Central O'ahu in 2018 and was one of six grantees of the United States Department of Labor's Paid Leave Analysis grants in 2016.



Molly Bradley-Ryk

Juvenile Counselor
Juvenile Crime Prevention Division, Maui County Police Department

Molly Bradley-Ryk is a Juvenile Counselor with Maui Police Department's Juvenile Crime Prevention Division. She majored in Psychology at New Mexico State University and graduated in 2004. Prior to moving to Maui, Molly worked in mental health and substance abuse case management in New Mexico and Texas. She has lived on Maui for the last 14 years and she has been with Maui Police Department since January 2014. Molly currently participates in various networking groups within her community.



Judith F. Clark

Executive Director
Hawai'i Youth Services Network (HYSN)

Judith Clark, MPH, is the Executive Director of Hawai'i Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations and a Pacific Islands training and technical assistance center. She facilitates and leads multi-agency initiatives addressing youth homelessness, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection prevention, and other issues in Hawai'i and the Northern Mariana Islands. HYSN is recognized nationally as a leader in adapting evidence-based programs and creating culturally relevant videos for Pacific Island youth.

HYSN has received the Horizon Award for Excellence in Health Education from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the SAMHSA Excellence in Community Communications and Outreach Award. Judith was named Hawai'i's Outstanding Advocate for Children and Youth by the Hawai'i State Legislature and she is a 3-time winner of the Weinberg Foundation's AIM for Excellence Award for outstanding nonprofit management. She is a member of the public health honor society, Delta Omega, for lifetime achievements in public health.



Jocelyn Howard

Founder, Chief Executive Officer
We Are Oceania

With her ancestry and childhood rooted in Onoun (a small island in Chuuk state, geographically located between Chuuk Lagoon and Yap Outer Island), Josie Howard possesses a deep cultural understanding of the people of Micronesia that is woven into her success today – paving a path for the thriving Micronesian community in Hawai'i.

After her island education, she earned her bachelor's degree in anthropology and minor in biology with a certification in Pacific island studies from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. She later got her master's degree in social work and certificate in Pacific island studies from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Josie continues to humbly and strongly uphold her values and respect for her culture and the culture of others, advocating for the overall health and well-being of people.

Josie Howard is the founder and CEO of We Are Oceania, empowering the Micronesian community in Hawai'i to navigate success while honoring the integrity of their diverse heritage.



Dr. Jillian Freitas

Clinical Psychologist with University of Hawaii
Dept. of Native Hawaiian Health
John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa



Jillian Freitas, PsyD, is a licensed clinical psychologist with University Health Partners of Hawaii and an Assistant Professor with the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Native Hawaiian Health. Dr. Freitas was born and raised in Mililani, O'ahu, and graduated from Kamehameha Schools Kapalama. She obtained her undergraduate degree at Chapman University (Orange, CA) and her doctoral degree in child and adolescent clinical psychology at Pacific University (Hillsboro, OR). She returned home to the islands to complete her pre- and post-doctoral training at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center before moving to Maui to develop a behavioral health program within the Native Hawaiian Health Care System at Hui No Ke Ola Pono. Now, Dr. Freitas serves the lahui through both clinical and academic endeavors—as an integrated primary care psychologist and via curriculum building to support mental health for Native Hawaiian haumana at UH Manoa. She enjoys living in a multigenerational home and exploring nature through the eyes of her young daughter.

Coleen Momohara

Early Childhood Educational Specialist, Interim Director
Executive Office on Early Learning



Coleen Momohara serves as the Early Childhood Educational Specialist for the Executive Office on Early Learning. Currently, she is also serving as the office's Interim Director. Coleen has been involved in working with children, adolescents, families and educators as a group facilitator, coach and teacher over the past 40 years. Her professional interests include family relationships, learning and development, literacy, social and emotional well-being, educational pedagogy and professional learning communities.

Lauren S. Nahme

Vice President of Strategy and Transformation
Kamehameha Schools



Lauren Nahme is the Vice President for Strategy & Transformation at Kamehameha Schools. Her group's primary kuleana is to support the CEO toward the successful implementation of KS' Strategic Plan 2020, never losing sight of the bigger vision of a thriving Native Hawaiian community. The plan envisions KS and its community collaborators working together to have a greater collective impact with and for Native Hawaiians. She and her team are charged to provide both long-range vision-casting support for executives and trustees while also providing alignment and implementation support for short and mid-term progress across the enterprise. Demonstrating and encouraging innovation, entrepreneurial mindsets, and cross-functional collaboration are also a significant part of her team's role in the transformation efforts of the organization. Since January of 2010, Nahme has served Kamehameha as director of Strategic Planning and Implementation providing direct support to the chief executive officer on strategic planning efforts. Nahme began her KS career in 2006, serving for four years as the organization's controller, responsible for financial and investment reporting, accounting operations, procurement and budget. Prior to joining Kamehameha, she was chief financial officer for the Hawaii State Federal Credit Union, a local construction company, controller at City Bank and audit manager at Coopers & Lybrand. Nahme holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa and a graduate from Pearl City High School. Nahme dedicates herself to several community organizations. They include the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation, University of Hawaii Alumni Association, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, The Institute for Human Services, and the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawaii.

Tia L. R. Hartsock

Project Director of Data to Wisdom
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division
Hawai'i State Department of Health



Tia L. R. Hartsock is a trainer and independent consultant, and does research and evaluation for nonprofits, state departments and federal agencies. Additionally, she is the current Project Director of a federal Substance Abuse, Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) initiative to develop and improve processes that utilize data and evidence-based research to inform clinical decision-making in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division and Department of Health. Tia has had an appointment as an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Hawaiʻi's School of Social Work since 2017. She received her master's in criminal justice administration from Chaminade University with a specialization in juvenile justice and her master's in social work from the University of Hawaiʻi with a specialization focus in mental health.

She was previously the project director on another federal initiative with SAMHSA to develop and provide mental health services for adolescent female trauma survivors involved in the juvenile justice, mental health and/or the child welfare systems. In that capacity, she oversaw multi-agency collaborations to improve Hawaiʻi's mental health system's delivery of services for trauma survivors from a gender-specific and trauma-informed foundation. She is a certified trainer by SAMHSA's Gains Center on Trauma-Informed Care. Ms. Hartsock has been working to improve the child- and adult-serving systems in mental health and criminal justice in Hawaiʻi for more than 20 years.

Dr. Gavin Takenaka

Corrections Health Care Administrator
Department of Public Safety



Dr. Gavin Takenaka has worked as a mental health professional in Hawaiʻi for more than 30 years in a variety of settings including inpatient, outpatient, crisis shelter, corrections and private practice. He began his work in the Hawaiʻi Department of Public Safety in 2005 at the O'ahu Community Correctional Center. In 2006, he provided clinical oversight for the delivery of mental health services at the Halawa Correctional Facility. Dr. Takenaka spent the next 10 years as the Mental Health Section Administrator for the Halawa Correctional Facility. In 2017, he served as the Mental Health Branch Administrator, overseeing mental health service delivery at correctional facilities statewide for the Department of Public Safety. In 2019, Dr. Takenaka started his current position as the Corrections Health Care Administrator where he oversees the provision of medical, mental health, dental and other specialty healthcare services for the Department of Public Safety.

Fern Yoshida

Educational Specialist
Hawai'i State Department of Education



Fern Yoshida is the Hawaiʻi State Department of Education's (HIDOE) educational specialist for social-emotional learning and trauma-informed practices. She is also a grant project director for Ho`oikaika: Cultivating Resilience and Recovery Program that offers trauma-specific therapy for identified students of need. Previously, she worked as the Standards Specialist, coordinating efforts to update and improve standards-based tools and resources. Fern's experience further extends with the development and innovation of teacher evaluation systems and the improvement of Hawaiʻi's Multi-tiered System of Support.